

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
) CASE NO. CR21-129 JCC
Plaintiff,)
)
v.)
) DETENTION ORDER
JEFFREY STEPHENS,)
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Defendant.)
_____)

Offense charged: Conspiracy to Distribute Controlled Substances; Laundering of
Monetary Instruments; Asset Forfeiture Allegations

Date of Detention Hearing: September 13, 2021.

The Court, having conducted a detention hearing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), and
based upon the factual findings and statement of reasons for detention hereafter set forth, finds
that no condition or combination of conditions which defendant can meet will reasonably assure
the appearance of defendant as required and the safety of other persons and the community.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION

01 1. Defendant has been charged with a drug offense, the maximum penalty of which
02 is in excess of ten years. There is therefore a rebuttable presumption against defendant as to
03 both dangerousness and flight risk, under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e).

04 2. Defendant is alleged to be a prolific high-level drug vendor, selling multiple
05 controlled substances on the Dark Web utilizing various monikers. The alleged conspiracy
06 includes allegations the defendant laundered over \$1,000,000 in drug proceeds through the Dark
07 Web utilizing bitcoin currencies, sending significant sums of currency overseas to drug
08 suppliers. In support of the government's motion for detention, alleged wire-tap conversations
09 were proffered to show the defendant poses significant risks of danger and non-appearance,
10 alleging the defendant discussed intentions to kill law enforcement officials and moving to
11 another country. The defendant has a minimal history of legitimate employment, and a number
12 of firearms and high capacity magazines, as well as body armor and numerous digital devices,
13 were allegedly found during a search of defendant's residence. Defendant is reported to utilize
14 false identifications and aliases.

15 3. Taken as a whole, the record does not effectively rebut the presumption that no
16 condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant
17 as required and the safety of the community.

18 It is therefore ORDERED:

- 19 1. Defendant shall be detained pending trial and committed to the custody of the Attorney
20 General for confinement in a correction facility separate, to the extent practicable, from
21 persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal;
- 22 2. Defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with

01 counsel;

02 3. On order of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person
03 in charge of the corrections facility in which defendant is confined shall deliver the
04 defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection
05 with a court proceeding; and

06 4. The Clerk shall direct copies of this Order to counsel for the United States, to counsel
07 for the defendant, to the United States Marshal, and to the United State Pretrial Services
08 Officer.

09 DATED this 13th day of September, 2021.

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13 United States Magistrate Judge
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